## PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARIAT

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*Secretary to Government,*
*Public Works, Railways and*
*Electrical Departments.*

### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

**Department of Indians Overseas.**

*New Delhi, the 21st October 1941.*

PRESS COMMUNIQUE.

HAJJ PILGRIMAGE—SHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS.

Arrangements have been made for sailings during November and December of pilgrim-ships for the approaching Hajj Pilgrimage. In spite of the demands on available shipping by war needs, there will be several sailings from Bombay and Karachi and one from Calcutta. Owing to war conditions actual sailing dates cannot be given but intending pilgrims should reach pilgrim ports by the dates mentioned below and should come prepared to maintain themselves for a delay which may extend to five days. While ships are being provided to make available accomodation for pilgrims to a number considerably in excess of those who travelled last year, pilgrims are advised in their own interest to travel by the earliest convenient sailing as in war conditions it will probably not be possible to provide an extra ship in the event of a last minute rush at the ports.

For the first sailing from Bombay and Karachi, pilgrims should reach those ports at the latest by 10th November and 11th November, respectively. For the Calcutta sailing pilgrims should reach Calcutta by the 17th November 1941. Pilgrims should reach Bombay on the 17th November and Karachi on the 18th November, for the second sailing from these ports. An announcement will be made later about subsequent sailings from Bombay and Karachi.

2. *Fares.*—The steamer fares fixed for this pilgrim season are as follows :—

*Fares including food charges and Kamaran quarantine fee.*

DECK PASSENGERS.

| | Rs. | a. | p. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bombay to Jedda (return) ... ... | 203 | 0 | 0 |
| Karachi to Jedda (return) ... ... | 196 | 0 | 0 |
| Calcutta to Jedda and back to Bombay ... ... | 235 | 8 | 0 |

CABIN PASSENGERS.

| | Rs. | a. | p. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bombay to Jedda (return) ... ... | 744 | 0 | 0 |
| Karachi to Jedda (return) ... ... | 716 | 0 | 0 |
| Calcutta to Jedda and back to Bombay ... ... | 795 | 0 | 0 |

For children under ten years of age these fares will be less by the following amounts on account of food charges :—

DECK PASSENGERS.

| | Rs. | a. | p. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bombay to Jedda ... ... ... | 14 | 0 | 0 |
| Karachi to Jedda ... ... ... | 9 | 8 | 0 |
| Calcutta to Jedda and back to Bombay ... ... | 16 | 12 | 0 |

CABIN PASSENGERS.

| | Rs. | a. | p. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bombay to Jedda ... ... ... | 53 | 8 | 0 |
| Karachi to Jedda ... ... ... | 38 | 0 | 0 |
| Calcutta to Jedda and back to Bombay ... ... | 63 | 12 | 0 |

The increase in this year's fares as compared with last year is explained by the addition of a flat rate of one rupee to meet the increased incidence of Jedda sanitation dues at the ruling rate of exchange, the customary Kamaran quarantine fee of Rs. 3 which was omitted from the fare last year, as no call was made and an element of increase necessitated by the general rise in food prices.

The boat hire of Rs. 3 for conveying pilgrims and their effects from ship to shore at Jedda and from shore to ship on the return journey will be collected in India by the Shipping Company when issuing tickets. Pilgrims, for whom boats will be provided, will not be required to make any further payment on this account at Jedda.

3. *Estimate of cost of the Hajj.*—The estimate of cost detailed below is based on the exchange rate of one Riyal for one rupee. The elements included are the cost of return passage and all essential expenditure in the Hejaz. The reduction of 25 per cent in dues and transport charges allowed by the Saudi Arabian Government has been taken into account.

| | Bombay | Karachi | Calcutta |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
| (i) Deck passage by steamer and travel in the Hejaz by camel. | 631 | 624 | 664 |
| (ii) First class passage by steamer and travel in the Hejaz by bus. | 1,500 | 1,472 | 1,551 |
| (iii) First class passage by steamer and travel in the Hejaz by car. | 1,918 | 1,890 | 1,970 |

If higher standard of living is adopted substantial additions to these totals will be necessary.

4. *Grant of Concession to Pilgrims to export gold from India.*—The various Saudi dues, taxes and transport charges will be payable by pilgrims in Riyals. Rupees will be accepted in payment of the dues, etc., at the rate of one rupee for one Riyal. Owing to the difference in the exchange rates of gold pound in the Hejaz and India, pilgrims who take gold with them will be able to reduce their expenditure by about Rs. 5 per every gold sovereign taken. Although the Saudi dues and taxes are not fixed this year in gold currency pilgrims will nevertheless be permitted to take out of India gold up to the following limits.

Cabin class pilgrim ... ... ... 30 gold pounds.
Deck do ... ... ... 10 do

Pilgrims who desire to take out with them gold up to the limits prescribed above will have to make their own arrangements to purchase gold sovereigns in India.

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## GENERAL SECRETARIAT

*No. E.* 1760—*Edn.* 4-40-117, *dated* 11*th November* 1941.

Under Section 6 of the Land Acquisition Act No. VII of 1894, it is hereby declared that the lands described hereunder are required for a public purpose, *viz.*, Public Reading Room Library maintained by the Central Mahomedan Association; and under Sections 7 and 3 (c) of the said Act, the Municipal Commissioner, City Municipality, Bangalore, is authorised to take order for the acquisition of the said lands.

| District | City | Division | Street | Name of khatedar or owner | Municipal No. | Vacant site, house (tiled, terraced or mudroofed) | Total extent in sq. yards or Ankanams | Exent now required | | | | | | Boundaries | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | Length in ft. | Breadth in ft. | Area in Sq. ft. | Area in Sq. yds. | Ankanams | Running ft. | East | West | North | South |
| Bangalore | Bangalore | III | Arcot Sreenivasachar's Street | Mr. B. V. Narayanaswamy | 76 | Land area ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 283 2/3 | ... | ... | Central Mahomedan Association | Arcot Sreenivasachar's Street | Central Mahomedan Association | Lane |
| | | | | | | Terraced building with verandah. | ... | ... | ... | 1532 | ... | ... | ... | | | | |
| | | | | | | Do ... | ... | ... | ... | 81 | ... | ... | ... | | | | |
| | | | | | | M. T. Building ... | ... | ... | ... | 318 | ... | ... | ... | | | | |
| | | | | | | Tap and latrine ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | | | |
| | | | | | | Electric fittings ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | | | |
| | | | | | | Flooring in open yard with slab. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | | | |
| | | | | | | Compound steps three. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 37 | | | | |

By Order,
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